

**SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL SENIOR FAIR**

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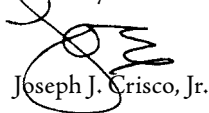
Dear Neighbor,

As Senate chairman of the Insurance Committee, I worked on a number of health and healthcare initiatives, including medical malpractice, the expansion of insurance coverage and breast cancer screening.

I'm pleased to report that we've made substantial progress in helping to advance **early detection of breast cancer** by requiring certain insurers to cover methods of screening beyond the mammogram (if recommended by a physician.) These methods include ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). We've also passed meaningful **medical malpractice insurance legislation**, which limits the growth of insurance rates while enhancing patient safety measures. Finally, legislation creating the **Nutmeg Health Partnership Insurance Plan** represents the first step toward addressing the serious problem of the uninsured in Connecticut. During the interim we will be reviewing different options and will present a formal plan to the General Assembly during the 2006 legislative session.

I invite you to share your opinions with me on these issues or any other issue of importance to you.

Sincerely,

  
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2005 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

## **Economic Development for the Valley**

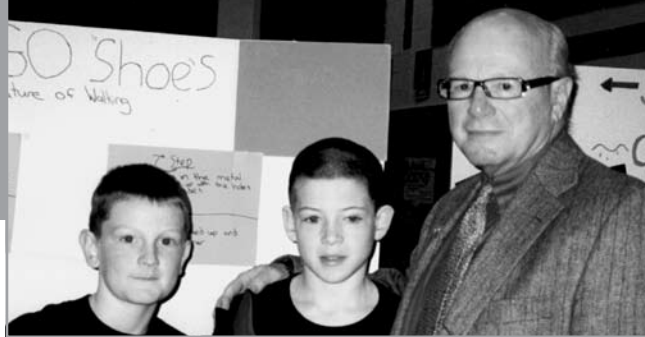
I co-sponsored successful legislation that extends the “enterprise corridor zone” designation for Beacon Falls and other towns along Route 8. Retaining this designation is important for the economic development of the region. Businesses located within an “enterprise corridor zone” receive certain financial incentives that encourage job creation and expansion.

## **Home Heating**

With record energy prices expected this winter, qualifying individuals will welcome the energy assistance program funded by the Federal government. Contact the Department of Social Services at 1-800-842-1132 for information about the CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

## **Gasoline**

We reduced the gasoline tax by 7 cents over the past few years, and are continuing to look at a variety of options to provide additional relief to motorists.



Senator Crisco with students at the Laurel Ledge School Science Fair.

## **Laurel Ledge School Science Fair**

I always look forward to serving as a judge in the Laurel Ledge Science Fair. This event affirms the importance of engaging students of every age in scientific exploration and inquiry, given the centrality of science and technology to our society. I commend the teachers, administration and entire Beacon Falls community for encouraging and supporting the science fair.

## **Biomedical Research Trust Fund—Update**

Recently, \$850,000 in grants from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund were awarded to researchers at UConn Health Center and Yale University Medical School. This fund grew out of legislation I developed several years ago to provide grants to hospitals and medical schools for research into heart disease, cancer and other smoking-related illnesses.

## **BUDGET: GOOD NEWS for BEACON FALLS**

I'm pleased to report that Beacon Falls will receive a significant increase in state aid to help stabilize property taxes.

- \$173,922 total increase in aid over the previous year
- \$3,414,494 total education funding
- \$3,640,720 total statutory formula grants

## **Seniors**

- \$5 million statewide for Dial-a-Ride for 2005-2006

## **Veterans**

- Beginning in 2008, 50% of federal military retirement pay will be exempted from the state income tax

## **Higher Education Capitol Scholarship Program**

- \$1.7 million total increase for 2005-2006
- \$9,500 to Beacon Falls students attending college this past year

## **STATE BONDING**

### **Naugatuck Valley Community Technical College**

- \$1,325,000 for site improvements and parking